

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A non-therapeutic method of producing antibodies that bind adipose tissues in a target animal in need of said antibodies for modulating the content of adipose tissues in said target animal, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (i) preparing an antigen from adipose tissues of a source animal wherein said source animal and said target animal belong to closely related species;
 - (ii) administering said antigen to an egg laying animal to cause production of said antibodies wherein said egg-laying animal and said target animal belong to different species; and (iii) obtaining said antibodies from eggs of said egg-laying animal wherein said egg-laying animal and said source animal belong to different species.
2. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 1 comprising a step of causing production of said antibodies from within the body of said egg-laying animal.
3. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 1 or 2 comprising a step of causing deposition of said antibodies to said eggs of said egg-laying animal.
4. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said step of obtaining comprises a step of isolating said antibodies from the egg yolk of said eggs.
5. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said antigen comprises plasma membrane, its adipocyte plasma membrane surface proteins, or fragments thereof, of said adipose tissues of said source animal.
6. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said antibodies are polyclonal antibodies.
7. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said source animal

and said egg-laying animal belong to distinctly different species.

8. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said target animal and said egg-laying animal belong to distinctly different species.

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said target animal is a farm animal.

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said source animal and/or said target is a swine.

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to anyone of Claims 1 to 8 wherein said target animal is a patient.

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said egg-laying animal in an avian animal and said source animal is a non-avian animal.

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein said animal is a mammal.

14. (Withdrawn) A method according to any preceding claim wherein one or more of said animals is sacrificed after said method.

15. (Withdrawn) Antibodies obtainable according to the method defined in anyone of Claims 1 to 14.

16. (Withdrawn) Antibodies according to Claim 15 for use in a method of treatment or diagnosis.

17. (Withdrawn) Use of antibodies defined in Claim 15 or 16 for the manufacture of a medicament, for the treatment of a condition caused by an excess of adipocytes.

18. (Withdrawn) A feed additive comprising an effective amount of antibodies defined in Claim 15 or 16.

19. (Withdrawn) A feed additive according to claim 18 adapted to lower the content of said adipose tissues in said target animal.

20. (Withdrawn) A feed additive according to Claim 18 or 19 wherein said composition comprises egg yolk of said eggs containing said antibodies.

21. (Withdrawn) A medicament comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of antibodies defined in Claim 15 or 16.

22. (Withdrawn) A medicament according to Claim 21 adapted to be administered via ingestion.

23. (Withdrawn) A medicament according to Claim 21 adapted to be administered via injection.

24.(Currently Amended) A method of reducing a content of adipose tissues in the body of a target animal using three animals, a source animal, an egg-laying farm animal and the target animal, the method comprising the steps of:

- (i) preparing an antigen from adipose tissues of said source animal;
- (ii) administering said antigen to said egg-laying farm animal;
- (iii) allowing antibodies to be produced by said egg-laying farm animal in response to

said antigen, thereby depositing said antibodies in eggs of said egg-laying farm animal;
(iv) obtaining egg yolk containing said antibodies from said eggs of said egg-laying farm animal;
(v) providing an ingestible composition including an amount of said egg yolk which contains an effective amount of said ~~egg-yolk~~ antibodies to said adipose tissue therein;
and
(vi) orally administering the ingestible composition including ~~an effective amount of~~ said egg yolk ~~antibodies~~ to said target animal for ingestion, wherein said source animal and said egg-laying farm animal belong to different species.

25.(Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 further comprising isolating said egg yolk antibodies from the egg yolk of said eggs.

26. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 or 25 further comprising a step of binding said antibodies to characterizing components of a plasma membrane of said adipose tissues in said target animal.

27. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 24, 25 or 26 comprising a step of binding said antibodies to granular viscosity proteins of said adipose tissues in said target animal.

28. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 24, 25 or 26 comprising a step of binding said antibodies to fiber viscosity proteins of said adipose tissues in said target animal.

29.(Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said antigen comprises plasma membrane, adipocyte plasma membrane surface proteins, or fragments thereof, of said adipose tissues of said source animal.

30.(Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said antibodies are polyclonal antibodies.

31.(Cancelled).

32.(Cancelled).

33. (Cancelled).

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said target animal and said source animal belong to a same species.

35(Previously Presented). A method according to Claim 24 wherein said target animal and said source animal belong to closely related species.

36. (Cancelled).

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said target animal is a farm animal.

38. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said source animal and/or said target animal is a swine.

39. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said target animal is a patient.

40. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said egg-laying

animal is an avian animal and said source animal is a non-avian animal.

41. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said source animal is a mammal.

42. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein one or more of said target animals is sacrificed after said method.

43. (Withdrawn) A method of producing antibodies that bind adipose tissues in a target animal in need of said antibodies for modulating the content of adipose tissues in said target animal, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) preparing an antigen from adipose tissues of a source animal wherein animal and said target animal belong to closely related species;

(ii) administering said antigen to an egg-laying animal to cause production of said antibodies wherein said egg-laying animal and said target animal belong to different species; and

(iii) obtaining said antibodies from eggs of said egg-laying animal wherein said egg-laying animal and said source animal belong to different species.